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SUBJECT: RECENT RUDE PRAVO COVERAGE OF SECSTATE, PRESIDENT FORD

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1. SUMMARY: RECENT GOC PRESS COVERAGE WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT GAVE FULL COVERAGE TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ABOUT HIS FOREIGN POLICY GOALS, BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ETC.

2. A REDE PRAVO FEATURE PIECE AUGUST 7, CALLED "THE CURIOUS HELSINKI OF HENRY KISSINGER," (BY J. IGNAC:) PAGE 6) WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. CALLING THE DECEMBER 1975 LONDON CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE A "SECRET MEETING," THE ARTICLE SAID THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATS THERE WERE GIVEN CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS "TO PREVENT PARTICIPATION BY COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENTS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES," EVEN BY EMPLOYING PRESSURE AND "THREATS OF ECONOMIC AND OTHER SANCTIONS."

3. AS A FURTHER WAY OF HEIGHTENING ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT, RUDE PRAVO ASSERTED, THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAREFULLY PREPARED TWO FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITIZENS, FROLIK AND AUGUST, FOR "A SO-CALLED INTERROGATION"

BEFORE THE U.S. SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE; THEIR TESTIMONY WAS DRAWN "FROM ARGUMENTS PREPARED IN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE WORKSHOPS OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE" AND WERE THEN SPREAD BY AUSTRIAN AND GERMAN TABLOIDS OF PETTY-BOURGEOIS AND FACISTIC LEANINGS, AND IN TURN PICKED UP BY THE UNSUSPECTING FRENCH AND ITALIAN PRESS "WHERE THERE IS A MORE REALISTIC POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNISTS GETTING INTO THE GOVERNMENT."

4. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR PULLING OFF A SUCCESSFUL PROPAGANDA PLOY BUT, RUDE PRAVO REMINDS ITS READERS, "LIES WILL NOT TRAVEL FAR BECAUSE A LIE HAS SHORT LEGS, EVEN IF THE LEGS BELONG TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE." IT CLOSES, "AND THEY WALK ON THE WAY WHICH CERTAINLY DOES NOT LEAD TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI."

5. ON THE OTHER HAND, TWO DAYS LATER RUDE PRAVO CARRIED A FACTUAL PIECE DRAWN FROM UPI AND AFP ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD'S ELECTORAL PROSPECTS. IT CONTAINED A WITHOUT COMMENT RESUME OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY GOALS, IU "PROGRESS IN SOVIET-AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATIONS OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS (SALT) AND IN THE VIENNA MRBF TALKS, STRENGTHENING NATO, AND NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

6. COMMENT: ORDINARILY AN UNDIGESTED RESUME OF AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY GOALS WITHOUT COMMENT WOULD BE UNEXPECTED IN A GOC PUBLICATION. HOWEVER, WONDERS NEVER CEASE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE "SHORT-LEGGED LIE" DIG AT THE SECSTATE MAY REPRESENT A GOC RESPONSE TO THE FROLIK-AUGUST PUBLIC ATTACKS ON GOC AMBASSADOR JOHANNES, WHICH WERE PICKED UP BY THE AMERICAN PRESS, AND WHICH THE MFA RECENTLY TOLD THE DCM REPRESENT A VIOLATION OF AN "UNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN THE US AND GOC, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, NOT TO PERSONALLY ATTACK EACH OTHER'S EXECUTIVE LEADERS IN THE PRESS.
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